

STEPHEN OLNEY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 172.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. CARR, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Olney, of Warren, Pennsylvania, praying a pension, beg leave to report :

That the petitioner alleges that he was born in the State of Rhode Island, in 1752 ; that he entered the service of the United States at Gloucester, Rhode Island, in December, 1775, and went to Bristol ; was stationed there under General William West ; Stephen Kimball was major of the battalion ; that he was orderly sergeant of the company, and was soon after appointed sergeant major ; after being out three weeks, was regularly discharged. On the 29th May, 1777, he was commissioned ensign ; on the 23d June, 1777, lieutenant ; and on the 11th May, 1778, a captain. That, during the time he held these several commissions, he was, from time to time, reconnoitring and guarding the shores, the British having taken possession of Newport ; that he was stationed for some time at Warwick and at Providence ; that at Warwick he was under the command of General Cornal, at Providence under General Spencer. He was at the siege of Newport with General Sullivan ; after a few days' bombarding and cannonading, the siege was raised, and, in the latter part of August, they took up the line of march from Huckleberry plain to Butt's fort, where they encountered the British ; that skirmishing commenced, and continued for three days. The British made an attempt upon a redoubt, but were repelled ; that they went from there to Tiverton, and were soon after dismissed ; that he cannot tell precisely the length of time he was in service, but was at least in actual service five months ; and that he was also engaged, during the time he was commissioned, in other services, such as raising beacon-poles, drawing ammunition, fixing alarm-posts, depositing cartridges, making draughts of his company, and drawing money to pay his men, &c. ; for which he claims a pension.

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